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SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL REACTIONS TO AMBASSADOR RIDGWAY VTR

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1. EXTENSIVE ADDITIONAL USE OF USIA-PRODUCED VTR INTERVIEW WITH AMBASSADOR RIDGWAY HAS BEEN MADE SINCE LAST REPORT (REFTEL). IN SAPPORO, VICE CONSUL MILLER AND USIS FSL HASEI SHOWED PROGRAM TO GROUP INCLUDING SENIOR FISHERY ORGANIZATION OFFICIALS AND PREFECTURAL OFFICERS, WHO SHOWED KEEN INTEREST BUT OBJECTED TO THE REASONING THAT THE U.S. IS INSTITUTING THE 200-MILE ZONE BECAUSE OF THE SLOW PACE OF LOS DELIBERATIONS. ONE REMARKED: "IF JAPAN ACCEPTS THIS ARGUMENT, U.S. CAN USE IT TO JUSTIFY ANYTHING. WE WISH WE COULD HAVE SEEN THIS VTR SOONER AND PASSED WHAT WE THINK OF IT ON TO AMBASSADOR RIDGWAY."

2. IN FUKUOKA, VTR WAS SHOWN TO MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES AND AN ECONOMICS PROFESSOR, WHICH PRODUCED GENERAL DISCUSSION BUT RESERVED REACTIONS. LATER "NISHI NIPPON SHIMBUN" EDITORIAL WRITER YOSHIDA COMMENTED: "I HAD KNOWN THE U.S. POSITION ON THIS ISSUE WAS DETERMINED AND SEVERE; BUT AFTER HEARING WHAT AMB. RIDGWAY HAD TO SAY, I REALIZED IT IS MUCH MORE SEVERE THAN THE JAPANESE THINK."

3. ALSO IN FUKUOKA, VTR WAS SHOWN TO ABOUT 250 PERSONS AT THE FUKUOKA CITY CONFERENCE HALL, WHERE GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY

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OFFICIALS AND GENERAL CITIZENS HAD GATHERED TO HEAR FOREIGN

MINISTRY TREATIES BUREAU DIRECTOR OWADA AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY OFFICIALS SPEAK ON FISHERIES PROBLEM. FUKUOKA BPAO REPORTED THAT THE DISCUSSION WAS LOW-KEYED AND EDUCATIONAL, WITH LITTLE EMOTION DISPLAYED. SPEAKERS MADE CLEAR THAT THE PROBLEM IS INTERNATIONAL, NOT BILATERAL. INTERESTING POINT IS THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY TOOK KEY ROLE IN EXPLAINING THE ISSUES INVOLVED.

4. MAYOR OF SENDAI, WHO WAS AMONG GROUP OF NORTHERN JAPAN MAYORS VIEWING VTR PREVIOUSLY, ASKED FOR AND WAS GIVEN COPY TO USE FOR ADDITIONAL SHOWINGS TO OTHER GROUPS IN SENDAI AREA.
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